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Philadelphia Oct 19th 1779

My dear Sir,

I have been honored with your kind favor of the 2nd inst: & the information you have given me of the unprincipled conversation and conduct of the incomprehensible old Mr D—p—t and the diabolical designs of the Hanoverian Mysticians gives me some uneasiness however I cannot suspect that the old man is aiming by his ambiguity and versatility to circumvent those who are justly entitled to every degree of respect from him short of adoration And as to the Faction I have nothing to fear from them but the want of proper Courts established so that Law and Justice might be duly administered in the County of Grafton. Mr Lowell from Boston is now here on some maratime causes and gives it fully as his opinion that the first Grant must inevitably hold the Lands against all subsequent claims. I should write you particularly respecting Mr Bermont affairs but suppose Gen. Whipple who is fully possessed of the affair will personally give you every necessary information on that head.— No official news here from Count D. Estrange since the first account of his coming on the coast of S. Carolina. Tho' reports about town are that he has wholly extirpated the British Troops & Tories in that Quarter of the world. I hope soon to have this report confirmed that the way may be open for future success. Monsieur Gerard & Mr Jay with their attendants this day left Philadelphia for Europe. I forget whether I have informed you that Mr J. Adams of Boston was elected Minister Plenipotentiary to negotiate Treaties of Peace and Commerce with G. B.— & and Mr Dana for his Secretary— Mr Jay Minister Plenip.o for the Court of Madrid and Commuicated his Secretary. & Col.o John Laurence, ed decy to the Court of Versailles— the particulars of which I have forwarded to Gen. Whipple— These things are mostly upon the secret journals but if I had a sure conveyance would transmit you many matters that might be agreeable and yet safe when in your hands. Tho' you as well as others are not wholly 3 l. 5 exempted from companions who if I am mistaken are of such a kind benevolent and religious temper &

- disposition as to embrace every opportunity in giving friendly advice and intelligence even to our enemies. You will please to observe, I dont say you have a man in your secret councils that is of such a religious turn of mind. Some suspicions you and I formerly had of certain persons I think are not ill founded. Congress have called for a levy of 15 million dollars per month for nine months. commencing on the first of Feb.y next and ending in Oct in the appointing of which among the several States by a committee of which I had the honor of being member. With much difficulty the Quota of New Hampshire was reduced one hundred thousand dollars per month below its former proportion. I am uncertain how much advantage it will be to the State - as what we ~~over~~ pay will be placed to our credit on interest on the contrary shall be charged the interest of any sum we may finally be found in arrear. Congress have recommended the 2nd. Thursday in Dec.r next to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving throughout these States. I have the honor to enclose you the copy of a letter from Mer S. A. which will give the fullest account of the real situation of Europe. Last Spring or rather in the summer, I think the letter was dated in July or August - 79. which I find is omitted in the copy Gen. Whipple has carried a copy with so it is very probable you may have read it before this reaches you. However as it contains many useful observations, hope tho' late it will not be disagreable to you. My knowledge of your prudence forbids me the necessity of hinting that the aforementioned letter is transmitted in confidence and not to be made public.

I am dear Sir ...

Most sincerely your obt.
Humble Servant.
Nath.l Peabody